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MATERIAL FROM CELLS WITHIN MICROFLUIDIC SAMPLES OF FLUIDS

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants' representative, the undersigned, thanks Examiner Sines for courtesies extended during the telephonic interview, held October 11, 2006.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for vacating the Office Action, mailed September 22, 2006, and for agreeing to the miscellaneous amendments to the specification, and to claim 21 discussed in the interview.

As also mentioned by Applicants' representative, Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention, on an information disclosure statement filed on even date herewith, three patent references of which the undersigned recently became aware in connection with an examination report issuing in a related foreign application. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for his consideration thereof.

No fees are believed owing with this filing. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 06-1050 (Ref. 19662-029001) for any charges or credits.

Respectfully submitted,

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